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*Amendments*

*In the Specification:*

Please substitute the following paragraphs/sections for the pending paragraphs/sections.

✓ - Substitute the pending paragraph, beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following paragraph:

B1            This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/302,953, filed April 30, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/070,807, filed May 1, 1998, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/949,142, filed October 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,529, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/028,197, filed October 10, 1996, the entire contents of all of which are incorporated by reference.